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## **LWV Mobile Luncheon**

**Speaker: Ms. Carrie Stevenson**

**Title: Climate Change 101**

**When: Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30-1:00 p.m., Mobile Bel Air Marriott**

Carrie Stevenson is the Coastal Sustainability Agent for the UF/IFAS Escambia County Extension Office and has been with the organization for 13 years. Her educational outreach programs focus on living sustainability within a vulnerable coastal ecosystem. She also works to help residents better understand how to protect and preserve local wildlife habitats and water resources, wisely use our abundant rainfall and sunlight, and to prepare and mitigate for flooding, coastal storms and climate impacts.

She has said that the planet's rising heat levels carry far-reaching consequences that many do not often consider. The effects include increased rainfall, rising sea levels, sharp fluctuations in day-to-day temperatures, shifts in the growth patterns of agricultural crops and a jump in health problems related to heat, such as asthma. She also said that "a lot of folks will attribute the change in climate to cyclical warming and won't want us to take ownership of the problem, but I think there are some concrete things that we as a community can do to offset the damage."

Carrie holds a Master's degree in Biology/Coastal Zone Studies from the University of West Florida in Pensacola and received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Samford University in Birmingham, AL

All LWVM luncheon events are open to the public, but reservations are required. Please RSVP by contacting Jane Gordon at [lovjan@comcast.net](mailto:lovjan@comcast.net) or phone (251) 662-3386 by Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is \$18 or \$19 by credit card. *Free seating* is also available without the luncheon cost, however, reservations are still required to arrange for extra seating.

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